

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Columbia Field Office

1835 Assembly Street

Room 865 B-1

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

and

THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Office of Environmental Quality Control

Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section

2600 Bull Street

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N #2005-5W-314

November 18, 2005

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control by

Ronnie E. Gordon
9809 Bonnyridge Road
Columbia, SC 29223

for a permit to construct an impoundment on

an unnamed tributary to Sandy Branch

on property located north of the intersection of Jay Drive and Bookman Road, north of the Town of Elgin in Richland County, South Carolina (Latitude-34.1604680°, Longitude-80.845711°).

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2005

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of constructing a private pond. In detail, the applicant proposes constructing an 11 foot high earthen embankment across a forested wetland system create a 1.25 acre pond. The embankment will have a top width of 12 feet and a base width of 72 feet. A 10 foot high standpipe will be installed for water level control. Approximately 0.81 acres of wetlands, including 550 linear feet of intermittent stream, will be impacted as a result of the proposed work. Approximately 0.11 acres will be filled for the construction of the embankment and 0.70 acres will be flooded for the creation of the impoundment. The purpose of the proposed work is for the private recreational use of the applicant.

Refer to: P/N #2005-5W-314

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION
1835 Assembly Street
Room 865 B-1
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certification is received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to Water Quality Certification must submit all comments in writing to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 0.81 acres of freshwater wetlands located well inland of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the national Register of Historic Places for the presence of absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. Consultation of the nation Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

REGULATORY DIVISION

November 18, 2005

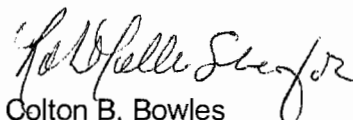
Refer to: P/N #2005-5W-314

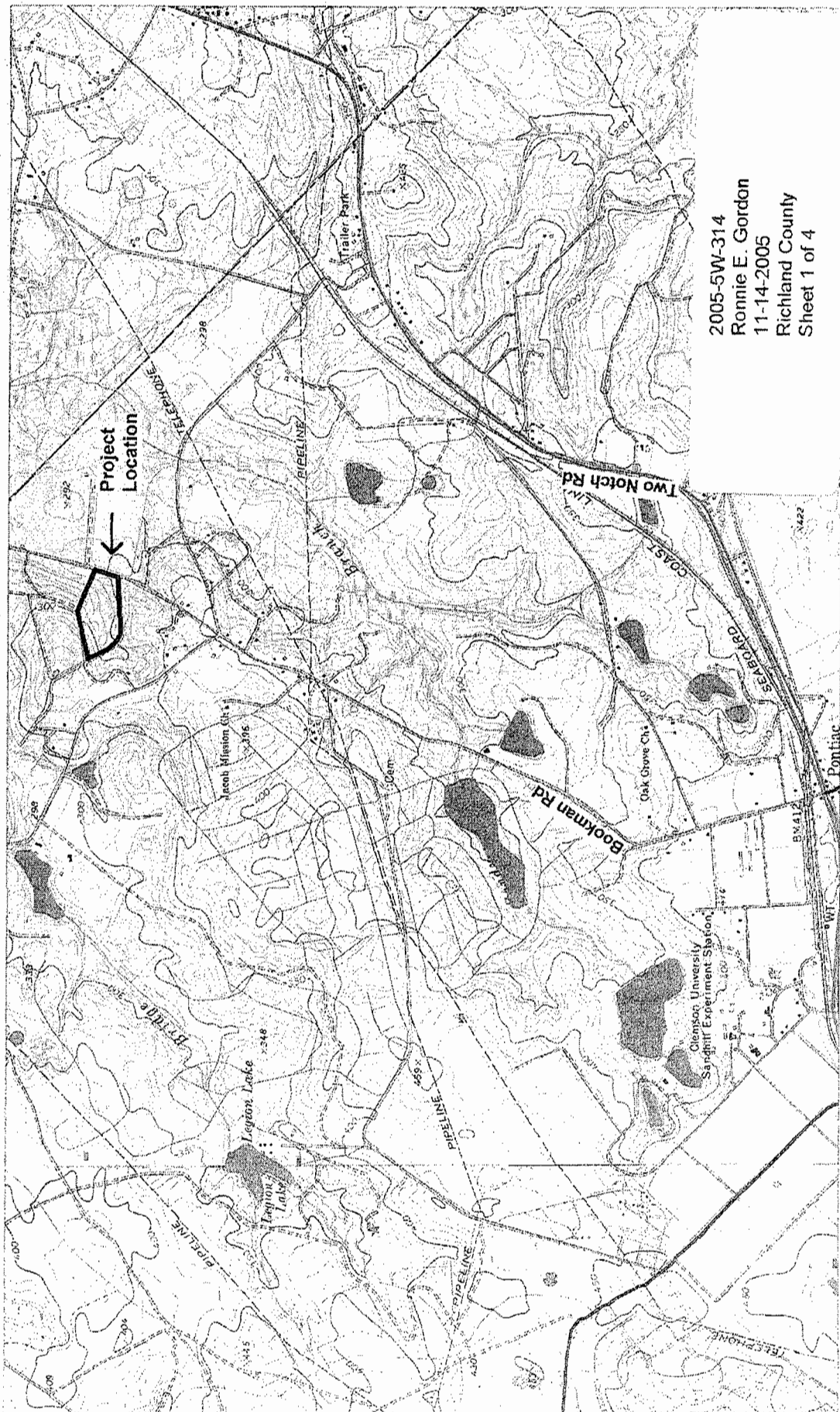
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

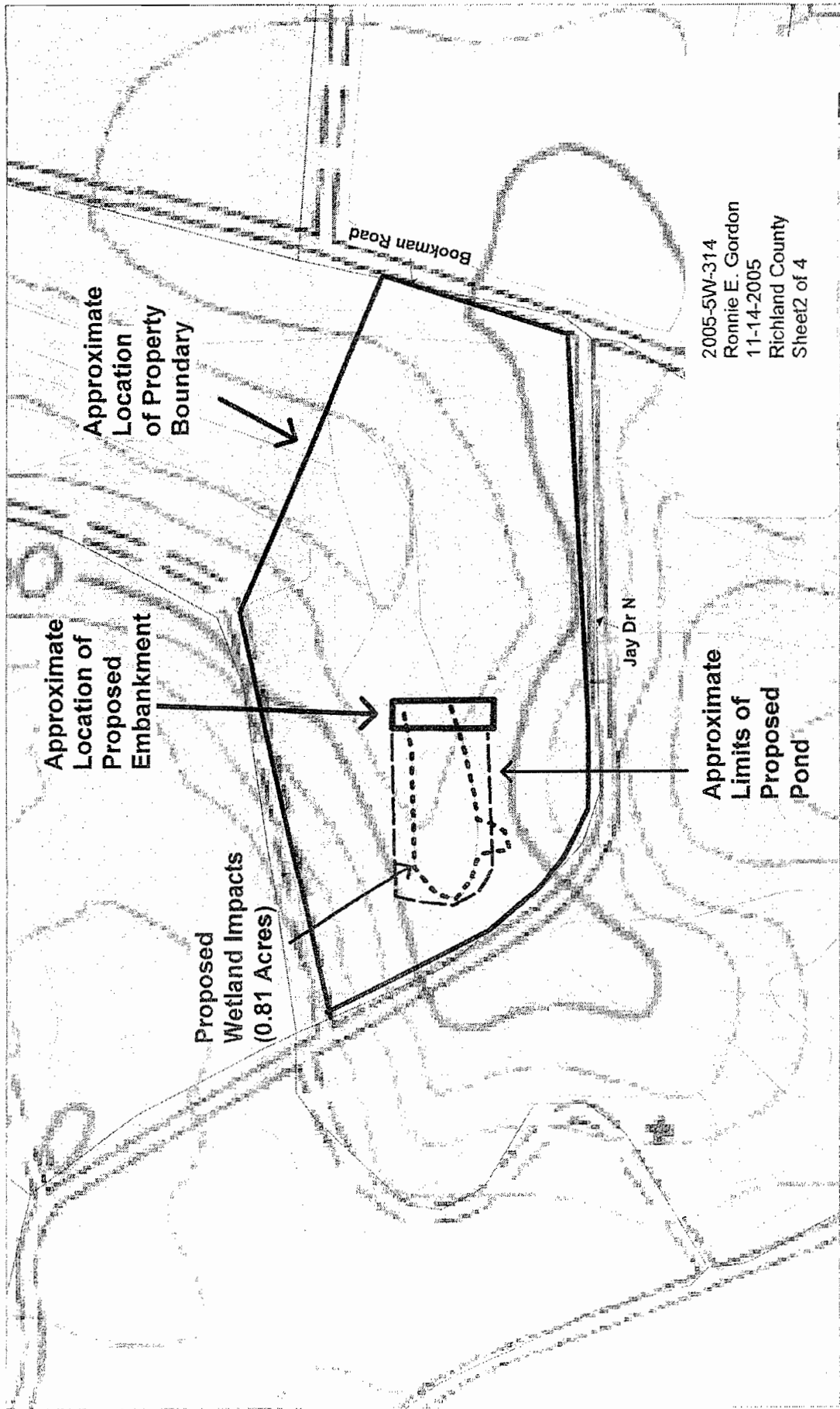
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments for the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 803-253-3400.

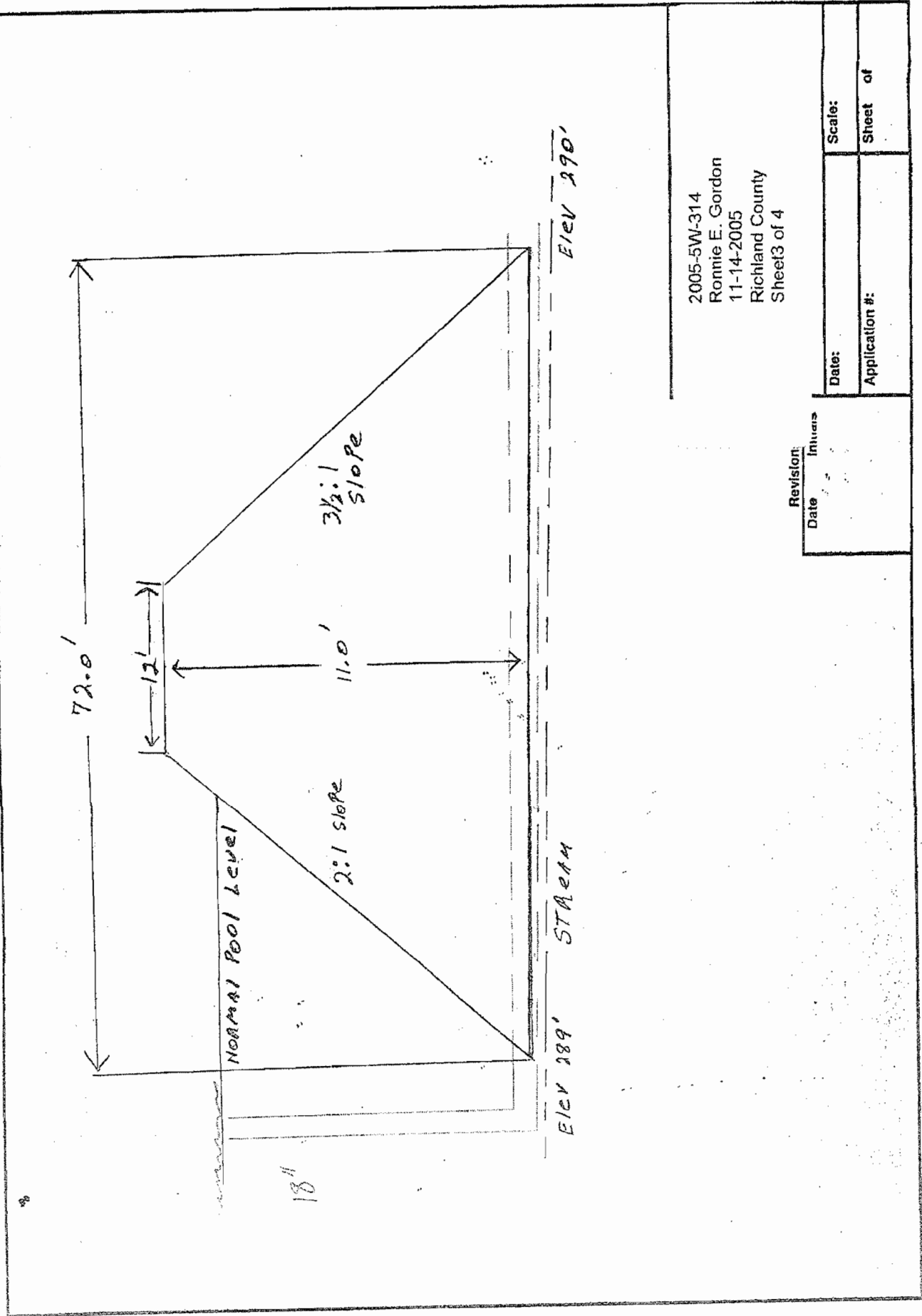

Colton B. Bowles
Biologist
Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



2005-5W-314
Ronnie E. Gordon
11-14-2005
Richland County
Sheet 1 of 4



2005-5W-314
Ronnie E. Gordon
11-14-2005
Richland County
Sheet 2 of 4



2005-5W-314
 Ronnie E. Gordon
 11-14-2005
 Richland County
 Sheet 3 of 4

Revision:

Date: _____

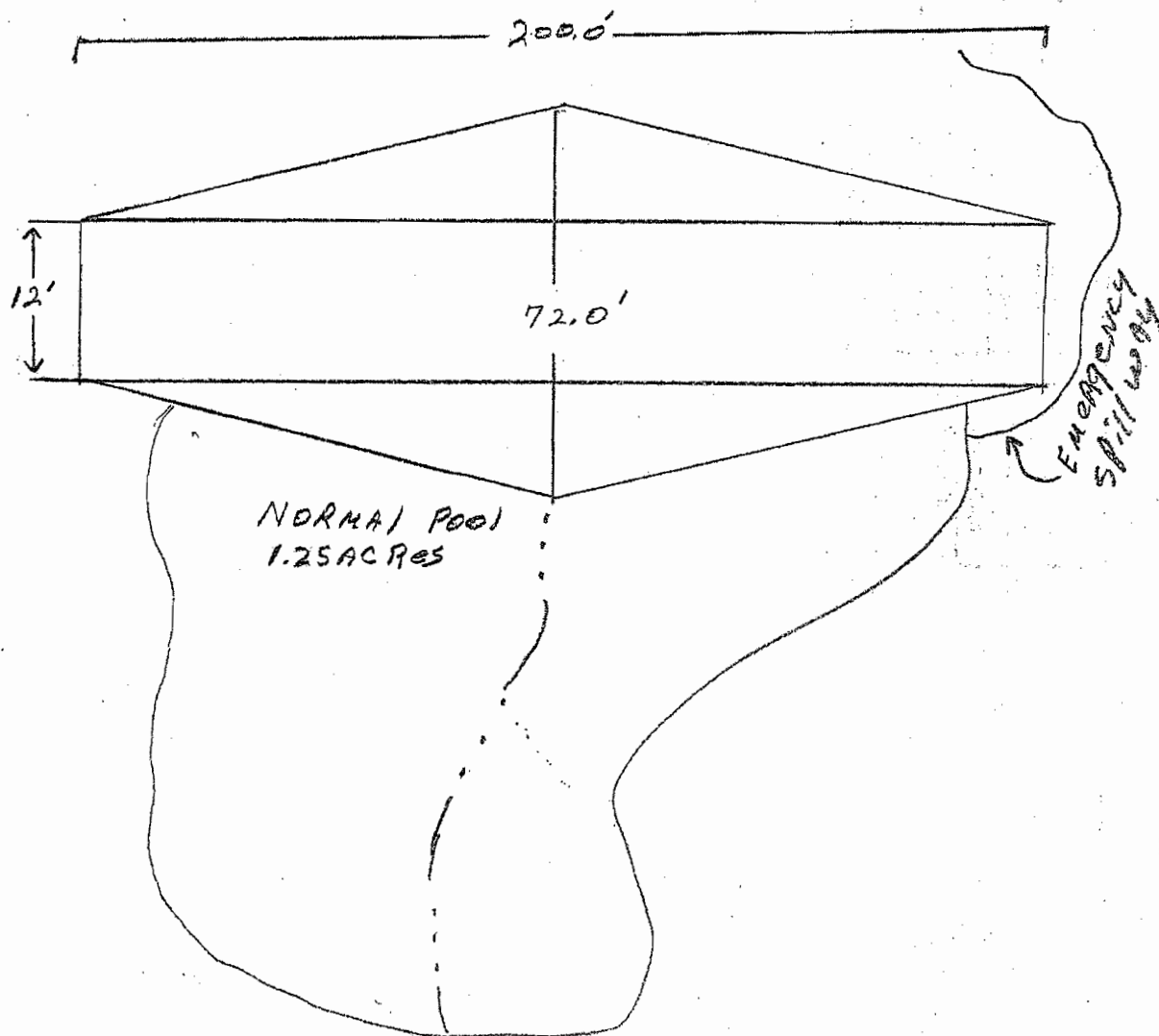
Initials: _____

Date: _____

Application #: _____

Scale: _____

Sheet of _____



2005-5W-314
 Ronnie E. Gordon
 11-14-2005
 Richland County
 Sheet 4 of 4

Revis			
Date	initials		
		Date:	Scale:
		Application #:	Sheet of